



CHILD CARE BY THE NUMBERS: PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Child-care policies should be equitable for all families, regardless of the type of care they choose. Universal child-care systems fail to recognize the diverse care needs of PEI parents and their reasons for the type of care they choose.

Type of child-care arrangement among children in non-parental child care, household population aged 0 to 5 years, PEI

Type of child care arrangement	
Daycare centre, preschool, or childcare centre (CPE)	59.9
Care by a relative other than parent	21.6
Care by a non-relative in the child's home	X
Family child-care home	20.5
Before- or after-school program	9.3
Other child-care arrangement	2.7 E

Of PEI children under age six, about **34 percent** are in parental care only.¹

About **3 percent** of PEI children under age six are in parental care because the parent could not find another option.¹

Source: Statistics Canada, "Table 42-10-0005-01: Type of Child Care Arrangement, Household Population Aged 0 to 5 Years."
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Respondents selected all that applied, resulting in a sum that exceeds 100 percent

Top five reasons for using main child-care arrangement, household population aged 0 to 5 years, PEI

Parent and/or guardian's reasons for using main child-care arrangement	
Location	63.7
Characteristics of the individual providing care	55.0
Hours of operation	37.5
Program characteristics	36.6
My other children have gone there	30.3

The majority of PEI children under age six will receive no benefit from funds designated for centre-based spaces.

Of **all** PEI children under age six (those in non-parental child care and those who are not), about **40 percent** are in centre-based care or preschool.²

Source: Statistics Canada, "Table 42-10-0006-01: Parent/Guardian Reasons for Using Main Child Care Arrangement, Household Population Aged 0 to 5 Years."
Respondents selected all main reasons from twelve options.

Prince Edward Island should take a neutral, evidence-based approach and respect the diversity of care that parents use.

1. Source: Statistics Canada, "Early Learning and Child Care for Children aged 0 to 5 years: A Provincial/Territorial Portrait," <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/11-626-x/11-626-x2019013-eng.htm>.
2. Calculations based on Statistics Canada, "Table 42-10-0004-01 & Table 42-10-0005-01: Early Learning and Child Care for Children aged 0 to 5 years: A Provincial/Territorial Portrait," <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/11-626-x/11-626-x2019013-eng.htm>.